Calling Attention to matters of urgent public importance

Re. : Loss caused due to operations of contract carriages

Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Transport re : Contract Carriages violating the rules of permit.

Sri AZIZ SAIT (Minister for labour).—The vehicle No. APA 4358 entered in the Bangalore Region on 10-2-1972 on change of address in the name of Sri K. Vittal Rao, S/o. Kuppoji Rao, No. 16, Cart Stand Road, Jolly Mohalla, Bangalore-2 and the vehicle No. APA 4388 entered in the Bangalore Region on 21-3-1972 on transfer of ownership in the name of Sri K. Kasinath Rao, S/o. J. Kuppoji Rao, No. 16, Cart Stand Road, Jolly Mohalla, Bangalore-2. A Permit was issued by the Regional Transport Authority, Mysore in respect of vehicle No. APA 4358 *vide* Permit No. 305/72-73 dated 9-1-1973 valid up to 31-3-1973 under Section 45 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 for 13 Districts in the State excluding the District of Raichur, Gulbarga, Bidar, Bijapur, Belgaum and Dharwar. The said permit granted by the Regional Transport Authority, Mysore is reported to have been stayed by the Mysore State Transport Appellate Tribunal on 1-3-1973 in case No. 4.

The vehicle No. APA 4388 has a valid temporary permit No. TP. 315/72 valid from 11-1-1973 to 31-3-1973 issued by the Regional Transport Authority, Mysore.

The details indicating the action taken by the Checking staff of Police and Motor Vehicles Department against the cladestine operation of the vehicles No. APA 4358 and APA 4388 are furnished hereunder :—

	Vehicle No.	Date and Place of checking	Nature of case booked	Present stage and nature of disposal
1	APA 4358	17-6-72 at Nelamangala by Police.	Carrying 31 picked up passengers without permit.	The vehicle was seized. The Nelamangala Police filed charge sheet in the V Court JMFC of Bangalore. The Driver was fined Rs. 105. The matter was referred to R. T. A., B'lore to take departmental action against the owner of the vehicle.
2	do	1-7-72 do	Carrying 22 picked up passengers.	The case filed in V Court of J.M.F.C. Bangalore is pending trial.
3	do	31-7-72 do	Carrying 50 picked up passengers without permits.	The vehicle was seized. The case filed in V Court of J.M.F.C. B'lore is pending trial.
4	do	4-8-72 do	Carrying picked up 36 passengers.	do
5	do	30-11-72 at Tumkur Railway Gate	Carrying 20 picked up passengers	The vehicle was seized and the charge sheet filed in the Court of F.C. Tumkur is pending trial. The R.T.A. Bangalore was requested to take departmental action against the owner of the vehicle.
6	do	15-2-73 Bangalore-Tumkur Road	Over load of passsengers	Charge sheet was filed and the case is pending trial
2.1	APA 4388	10-7-72 Bangalore-Tumkur Road, by Police	Carrying 52 picked up passengers	The vehicle was seized. The case filed in the V Court of J.M.F.C. Bangalore is pending trial

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2.	APA 4388	12-7-72	Between Hospet & Kampli by the Flying Squad Gulbarga.	Carrying individual passengers in violation of condi. tions of permits and failed to produce, R. C., F. C. and I. C.	Referred to Rural Police, Hospet for further action. The R. T. A., Mandya was requested to take departmental action against the owner of the vehicle.
3.	APA 4388	20-7-72	at Nelamangala.	Carrying passengers without permit.	The vehicle was seized and charge sheet filed. The case is pending trial.
4.	do	25-9-72	do	Carrying 33 picked up passengers.	The vehicle was seized. The case filed in the V Court of J. M. F. C., Bangalore is pending trial.
5	do	11-10-72	do	Carrying 31 picked up passengers.	do
6.	do	20-10-72	At Tumkur Toll Gate.	Carrying 35 passengers without permit.	The case filed in F. C. M., Tumkur is pending trial.
7.	do	27-11-72	At Nelamangala.	Documents viz., R. C. F. C. were not produced.	The case filed in V Court of J. M. F. C., Bangalore is pending trial.
8.	do	29-12-72	At Nelamangala.	Carrying 19 picked up passengers.	do
9.	do	31-1-73	Bangalore—Tumkur Road.	Documents like R. C., F. C. were not produced.	do

The vehicle MYT 3939 owned by Sri N. R. Somashankar, S. R. S. Bus Service, Tumkur was covered by a Contract Carriage permit No. 3/63 renewed and valid upto 20-10-71. The question of further renewal of this permit is pending consideration before the Regional Transport Authority, Tumkur. In the meanwhile, the R. T. A., Tumkur in its meeting held during February 1973 granted a temporary permit valid up to 22-6-73.

The particulars showing the vehicle checked by the Senior R. T. O., Chitradurga and his executive staff are furnished hereunder :—

Sl. No.	M. V. No.	Date of checking	By whom checked	Result of action taken	Remarks
1.	8/69-70 MYT 3939	20-9-69	IMV	Checking report forwarded to S. P. Chitradurga	Result awaited
2.	12/69-70 do	13-1-70	IMV	Checking report forwarded to R. T. A. Tumkur	do
3.	66/69-70 do	17-1-70	—	do Tumkur 30-4-74	do
4.	79/69-70 do	18-1-70	—	do	do
5.	88/69-70 do	19-1-70	—	do 14-7-70	do
6.	17/69-70 do	17-2-70	—	do	do
7.	29/69-70 do	18-2-70	IMV	do 14-7-70	do
8.	59/69-70 do	21-2-70	IMV	do	do
9.	60/69-70 do	21-2-70	IMV	do	do
10.	2/70-71 do	14-4-70	IMV	do 1-8-70	do
11.	70/70-71 do	28-10-70	IMV	do 2-2-71	do

On 5-8-1972, when the vehicle MYT 3939 was checked, it was found carrying 40 passengers without maintaining the name list of passengers. The case filed in this connection is pending trial in the Court of J.M.F.C., Ramanagaram. Further the vehicle MYT 3939 has been checked by the special squad on 26-8-1972 and the case has been handed over to the Bidadi Police Station. The R. T. A., Tumkur has also been requested to take departmental action against the owner of the vehicle.

Out of 25 Check reports pending against this vehicle, with the R.T.O., Tumkur, 24 check reports have been disposed of and a fine of Rs. 1,060 has been recovered.

In order to put down the menace of clandestine operation of contract carriages, three Joint Special Squads consisting of the following staff were constituted under the control of Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range, Bangalore.

3 Police Sub-Inspectors from the Police Department

3 Motor Vehicles Inspectors from the Motor Vehicles Department

3 Persons from the Security staff of Mysore State Road Transport Corporation (Police Sub-Inspectors)

3 Head Constables deputed to Mysore State Road Transport Corporation.

These special squads started functioning from 15-6-1972 on certain strategic routes such as Bangalore-Kolar, Bangalore-Mysore and Bangalore-Shimoga. These special squads were constituted in addition to the 4 regular flying squads functioning in the State. The total amount of fine, tax etc. recovered by

them from January 1972 to February 1973 are furnished hereunder :—

	Name of Flying Squad	Total expenditure incurred from Jan. '72—Feb. '73	Total amount of fine, tax, etc., recovered by each squad
1.	Flying Squad 'A' N. R. Belgaum	Rs. 34,018-14	Rs. 55,514-75 +5,000-00 worth yarn recovered
2.	Flying squad 'B' N.E.R. Gulbarga	36,375-00	38,573-00
3.	Flying squad 'C' C. R. Bangalore.	31,962-00	50,481-00
4.	Flying squad 'D' S. R. Mysore.	39,417-00	66,324-00
	Total Rs. ...	1,41,772-14	2,15,892-75

These Joint Special squads have so far (from 15-6-72 to 31-1-1973, detected 2401 cases, out of which 572 cases are for running without permits, 88 for violation of special permit conditions, 850 cases for violation of contract carriage permit conditions and 891 for overloading.

In addition to intensifying the checking of vehicle, the following measures have been taken to check the clandestine operation of contract carriages :—

1. Rule 111 of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Rules, has been amended providing for vehicles plying as contract carriages to carry with them a list of names and addresses of passengers attested by the Regional Transport Officer before the commencement of the journey. If the journey is to commence outside the office hours, an unattested list is required to be carried in the bus and a copy of that list is required to be submitted to the R. T. O. so as to reach him on the next day of the journey. But some of the operators of contract carriages have filed Writ Petitions in the High Court of Mysore and brought stay for the operation of these rules.

The following Legislative measures are being taken to amend the Motor Vehicles Act locally :—

1. It was felt that the Regional Transport Authorities were granting contract carriage permits indiscriminately. With a view to stop this indiscriminates grant of contract carriage permits, the power of granting contract carriage permits to ply in more than one region is proposed to be vested with the Mysore State Transport Authority.

2. As the penal provisions under Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder had not deterred the contract carriage operators from violating the conditions of permit, Section 60 of the Motor Vehicles Act, is being amended locally whereby the second breach of the conditions of permit will result in suspension of the permit and the third breach will result in cancellation of the permit.

A Bill to this effect has already been introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಸತ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣ ಸಿಂಗ್ :—ತಮ್ಮ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ ತಾವು ಸ್ಕ್ವ್ಯಾಡ್ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೇಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಬುಕ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಬಸ್ ರೂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದೂ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ದಿವಸ ಅನೇಕ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಓಡಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಕಾಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳ ಹಾವಳಿಯನ್ನು ನೀವು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯಾದರೂ ಕಾಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಕ್ಯಾರೇಜ್ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಏರ್ಪಾಡನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri AZEEZ SAIT : There are about 400 and odd contract carriage in our State and they are having either pucca permits or temporary permits valid for a period ranging between 3 years to 5 years. Now, the M. S. R. T. C. is thinking of nationalising the entire contract carriages. The Board is examining this question. I may assure the House that the moment the M. S. R. T. C. comes forward with the nationalisation scheme, it will be approved.

MADAM SPEAKER : The next calling Attention by Sri T. R. Shamanna, but he is not present. I now call upon the next notice by Sri M. S. Krishnan.

(ii) re : Fire accident at Hudge village in Humnabad Taluk.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram) : Madam, I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the fire accident at Hudge Village in Humnabad Taluk.

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forest) : Sir, on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Revenue in response to the Calling Attention Motion moved by the Hon. Member Sri M. S. Krishnan, I wish to make the following Statement.

A fire accident occurred on 27-2-1973 at Hudgi Village in Humnabad Taluk and 47 huts and not 150 as stated in the Calling Attention Notice were gutted. The Tahsildar, Block Development Officer and Assistant Commissioner rushed to the village immediately and arranged to put down fire. Interim cash relief of Rs. 50 per family was sanctioned on the spot. 20 families have put up huts. 17 families reside on the back portion of original huts and 10 families have constructed mud walls for huts and yet to put up roof. The total loss sustained is estimated at Rs. 14,550. Cash relief of Rs. 9,800 is granted and paid to sufferers on 25-3-1973 including the interim relief given. Two K.Gs. of Atta per family was distributed free of cost on 27-2-1973. 237 garments were distributed among the victims on 28-2-1973. The victims are employed on relief works and thus they are earning their livelihood. Two drinking water wells with sufficient quantity of water exist in the colony. Hence, there is no problem of drinking water.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್:—ಗುಡಿಸಲು ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ನಷ್ಟ ಹೊಂದಿದವರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ಮನೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಬರಗಾಲ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿವೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿರುವುದು ಸುಮಾರು 14,550 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು. 9,800 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಷ್ಟು ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಉತ್ತಮವಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಸಿಗದೇ ಇದ್ದಿದ್ದರೆ, ಕೂಡಲೇ ಅಂತಹವರಿಗೆ ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಹಣ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ? -

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್ :—ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ವರದಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿವೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇನ್ನೂ ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಸಿಗದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ, ಅಂತಹವರಿಗೂ ಸಹ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಸೊಂದವರಿಗೆ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಇದೆಯೋ ಆ ಒಂದು ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಕೊಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚು ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಕೊಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಂದೆ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿರುವ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸಿ ಹಣ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.